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News Release

UD LIBRARY EXHIBIT WILL FOCUS ON FRENCH REVOLUTION, MARIANIST FOUNDER

DAYTON, Ohio, Oct. 30, 1989--Books and documents from the time of the French Revolution will be featured in an exhibit at the Marian Library at the University of Dayton from Nov. 6 to 30. The exhibit, which will center on the Rev. William Joseph Chaminade, founder of the Society of Mary, is free and open to the public.

"The items in the exhibit will relate to the laws of the French government respecting the clergy," said Brother William M. Facovec, S.M., librarian at UD's Marian Library. "French law at the time required the clergy to swear an oath to the French government in order to remove the church from control of the Pope and make it a state church. Father Chaminade did not and was exiled to Spain for three years. Upon his return, he worked to reconcile the clergy who had taken the oath with the church."

UD's Marian Library, established in 1943, contains the world's largest and most comprehensive collection of printed materials on Mary, the mother of Jesus. It currently holds more than 70,000 books and pamphlets in more than 50 languages dated as far back as the 15th century.

The library, located on the seventh floor of the Roesch Library on UD's campus, is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Additional hours may be arranged by appointment. For more information, call (513) 229-4214.